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THE TAARA Board of Directors and other interested personages will meet in the usual semi-mobile well-oxidized and granulated W60IX Trailer, with nice juicy letters in loving Valentine Red splashed all over the side. Date is Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1975 at the grand old time of 7:32-7:40 pm local time. Located in the SRI parking lot, 333 Ravenswood Avenue, in Menlo Park.

WELLSIR, Have you been checking into the PAARA net? Members who do report a 52% increase in sleeping ability and a 45.7% increase in Virtue and Patience. Do you need more virtue?? Yes! Then join our semi-sane group om grip-to-gab AM (shoddier nodes like FM sometimes allowed but above statistics are drastically reduced) on Monday nights on 145.24MHz. We begin around 8:07 PM and end up sometime later, usually much. (?)

How would you like to have some fun in gambling and always come out ahead? PAARA offers this Golden Opp'ty for someone of superior intellect: Be the Official Raffle Runner, imbued with the powers of selecting prizes, tearing tickets, and collecting Money! (Sorry, WE get to keep the loot). Does this idea make you Twitch All Over with delight? Then let Fred Canham, Ed Fairbanks, or Ye Noble Editor know at the next meeting, via the PAARA net, or by the wonders of Ma Bell. Do It!!

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REPORT OF THE PAARA/MENLO PARK CD RADIO CLUB MEETING 1/10/75
 Meeting held in the Menlo Park Recreation Hall in Menlo Park.

In the business meeting a motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously that contingent upon the approval of Stan-ford Research Institute, Silent Key W6MFN's tri-band antenna and rotor be purchased for \$165.00 and mounted on the Steam Plant at SRI, near the Trailer.

Gary Perazzo, K6LVJ, was the speaker for the evening. The CD movie entitled "Earthquake" was shown by Jin Groenke, WA6ABQ. It is a "scary" film about the earthquake in Southern California. Gary was then introduced as the new Assistant Radio Officer for the San Mateo Operational Area. He emphasized the place for the amateur radio operator in a disaster, saying that in most communities there are adequate communications services and the duty of the amateur is to his own family first. Then he can help with the survey of damage, and help the general public with health and welfare traffic. He is NOT to take over the job of policeman or fire-fighter.

Gary then detailed the S.M. County's Civil Defense Set-up. Sometime soon they will monitor only the 145.49 MHz AM frequency and be able to answer calls on that freq. They will only call on the Repeater Freq. of 146.25 in and 146.85 out, on FM. At a later date sometime, when the various peninsula cities have adequate set-ups, the County will call only City representatives and not recognize those who do not represent a city. With three exceptions, San Mateo County cities are not set up to go on FM into the repeater.

After the applause for an excellent presentation (thanks for the fine talk, Gary!) the Emergency Coordinator, Hal Moore, took over and described the up-and-coming SET. Letters will be sent out that describe the event fully to AREC members.

A most interesting evening was enhanced by comments from Dr. Bob Wallace of the U.S. Geological Survey.

do Hal Moore, W6DEF, E.C.

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Congratualtions to Paul Thekan, who is now licensed as WN6IJP. With Paul's crack CW operating and fine Technical knowledge, that advanced class should come soon!

PAARA ADVERTISEMENTS GOOD GONK!

Sell: Tri-band Trap Bean, 10-15-20 meters. Made of heavy duty dural tubes and Teflon traps, home built and beautiful. \$75.00

Yaesu Transceiver in excellent condition: \$350.00

Heath VTVM complete with RF probe and High Voltage probe for TV. \$35.00

Want: Plate Transformer 120/220 Primary; Secondary either bridge or full wave for 3000 volts at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 ampere. Trades considered!

CALL Irv Wolfe, W6HNN, at 494-1719

Steve Ross, W6HKX, over there on Arlington Way in Menlo Park, informs me in his nice note that he just picked up a beautiful Collins KWS-1 transmitter and would like to know if any other PAARA person has on the air so he can check meter readings, etc., with them. Call Steve at 322-9859 or write him at 320 Arlington Way.

For Sale: Cleaning up shack for a new transceiver. All below is in Good Working Condition (whatever that means). Hammarlund HQ-170 all band (160-6m) am/cw/ssb receiver with multi-valued selectivity. \$120.00

HW-32A 20 meter single-side-band Heathkit.

Covers 14.2-14.35 MHz, 200 Watts PEP. Used barefoot,

I have worked Europe with a groundplane! \$75.00

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Homebrew 80-10 meter HBR type receiver, dual conversion with 50 kHz I.F. Ideal for beginner. Will give away four years of love for \$10.00!

If interested, preferably with checkbook in hand, please call Mike Eccles, G3PPE/W6, at 415-494-3267 evenings or 408-738-2661 (ext. 60) days or if everything else fails try ESP channel #76!

HEY: does anybody have an old SCR-522 VHF Radio Set? Steve Stuntz, K6FS, is interested in a complete, preferably unmodified unit. Who got? Call him at 322-4952.

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PALO ALTO AMATEUR RADIO ASSN. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Funds on Hand January 1, 1974: FOR YEAR 1974 by Paul Churchill W6QBY, Treas.

Checking Account \$ 421.60
Savings account 1008.80
Petty Cash 6.75
Total

\$1437.15

Income

Dues Paid 304.00
Subscriptions to PARAGRAPHS 25.00
Raffle Sales 111.45
Equipment Sales 82.83
Auction 381.05
Miscellaneous
Interest on Savings 51.09
Insurance Refund 15.00
QST Commission 7.00
Advertising (73.09)
Total Income 110.00

1087.42

Disbursements

PARAGRAPHS
Postage 200.00
Supplies 16.04
Advance for 1975 paper, etc. (416.04) 200.00
Club Functions
Xmas 1973 35.00
S.E.T. 18.72
CCRC Dues 6.00
Field Day 93.58
A.R.E.C. 15.00
Xmas Gifts 1974 9.90
Refreshments 90.36
Club Property (268.56)
Transceiver Parts 4.81
SWR Meter 22.42
Generator Frame 32.22
Crank 25.00

Signs	(103.53)	19.08
Office Supplies, Cash box, Etc.		27.38
Raffle Prizes		99.80
Miscellaneous		
W6OTX License		34.00
DMV-Trailer license ('74&'75)		30.00
P.O. Box Rental		5.80
Bank Service Charge		3.54
Insurance Premium	(152.34)	79.00
Total Disbursements		
Funds on Hand December 31, 1974		1067.65
		<u>\$1456.92</u>

Checking Account	374.43
Savings Account	1059.89
Petty Cash	22.60
Total	<u>\$1456.92</u>

FROM Paul K. Churchill W6QBZ Treasurer PAARA January 20, 1975
Thanks to Paul for such a fine report.

A Genuine anonymous poem, submitted by "A. Ham":

 TWO METER LAMENT
 The printed circuit board is fine
 But does it fit the diagram this time?
 And where is a good parts list
 Without any part being missed?
 I wonder if the thing will trans it
 When done, or should I buy a Heathkit?
 I dare wrote this verse
 'Cause I expect the worse!

 TEN METER BEACONS: COUTESY HAM HUB, Omaha, Nebraska
 DLØIGI 28.195 ZC4CY 28.180
 3B8MS 28.200 VE3RNR 28.175
 JA1IGY 28.190 VE3TEN 28.175
 GB3SX 28.185 DLØAR 29.000
 Listen for these beacons and make some Hot DX contacts on ten!!

A GOODLY COMMENT ON THE RESTRUCTURING DOCKET de WB6GRZ

(Better known as Terry Conboy)

...Firstly, the 2kw pep output limit is not a power increase, considered from the phone man's point of view. If you are an AM freaque, presently a 1kw input limit exists for the carrier. With P.A. efficiency of 65%, the output carrier is 650 watts. Applying 100% modulation gives a pep of 4 times this (V^2/R with two times the voltage on modulation peaks) or 2600 watts pep! Now the Commission wants you to drop your power input to a paltry 770 watts (-1.15dB!). The poor ssb'er is allowed 1000 watts of plate meter-indicated average power input. Let's say his AB₁ linear is 60% efficient or he gets 600 watts average (call it "D.C." power if you like) output. Ask any good audio or telecommunications engineer and he'll tell you that the human voice has a peak/average ratio of typically 18 dB, not 3 dB as most 75 meter yo-yo's assume. So if our friend has a very fine linear, his pep output is 63.1 times 600 or 3786 kw pep! (Contrary to popular opinion, there is no limit on peak power, only what your mA meter reads). Therefore, he must reduce his power 12.8 dB, down to 52.7 watts average input, under proposed rules. But of course, whose P.A. is this good, and who really avoid some "flat-topping", and what about that super logarithmic, agc, rf clipper, alc, and speech filter hooked to the exciter? OK, you win, the real pk/avg is probably more like 6 dB, judging from 3rd order products from the normal geoducks on 160 up, and our man's pep is only 2400 watts pep. Still need a 0.8dB pad to get the average input down to 833 watts.

The FM user (not to be confused with a radio amateur) (I'm glad I didn't say that...cd!) does indeed get a healthy increase, up from about 650 watts to 2000 (9.9dB). This is probably academic, FM'ers at the legal limit are rare (in my experience).

CW and RTTY hams are similarly benefited, to which I will say "right on!". It will be very interesting to see a 2kw output RTTY P.A. (Push-pull 4-1000's would be about right, now how to I get 3-phase 220VAC?)

(Blasted over to the next page...)

MORE JUICY COMMENTS ON THE NEW DOCKET (PROPOSED, THAT IS....)
 Secondly, no-code communicators would be OK with me if a sanctuary of sorts is given to everyone else, say 1mHz on 144 and 220.

Thirdly, the added incentive to general and technician licensees is badly needed. Most technical opinions voiced on the air are blatant garbage and wivestales (spouse-tales in this liberated era). It saddens me to hear others readily accept it. The ARRL Handbook is cheap, even at \$5.50; the majority of hams could stand review or to learn it the first time.

Fourth. Who are they kidding with lifetime operator licenses? (for extras).

Enough flapjaw from me. Basically it's a good thing, in my opinion. I hope it doesn't get mashed too much in the translation to regulation.

---73, Terry WA7DOX/WB6GRZ

Ye noble Editor thanks Terry for his comments. Would like to see more feedback from other members on this proposal. It's also important to send your comments to the FCC by June 16. You need the usual original and 14 copies sent to: Secretary, FCC, Washington, DC 20554

I received a nice note from Bob Wallace in Portola Valley about the possibility of setting up a 75 meter freq. as well as 145.24 mHz as a meeting place for PAARA members. We already use it for the S.E.T.

Instead of starting a new net immediately, Bob suggests we check into the ASTRONET on 3885 kHz some evening. This net has a variety of activities from satellite observing to all sorts of earthly scientific studies, but it's mostly a nice group for ragchewing. There are usually 2-10 hams on any time after 8:00PM, so just calling QRZ ASTRONET on 3885 kHz any evening and you will very likely have a nice set of QSO's.

Bob has had great help from the ASTRONET during the San Fernando (1971), Pt. Mugu (1973) and Barrego (1968) earthquakes. So the group can help a lot in emergencies.

I think this is a good idea -- contact Bob, K6OL, at 851-0249 for more info. Or check in. What say gang??

JANUARY 15, 1975

Meeting held at the usual W6OTX mobile radio disaster.
 Present were: Ed Fairbanks W6AIN, Paul Thelan, WN6IJP,
 Terry Conboy WB6GRZ, Fred Canham, K6YT, Gerry Tucker,
 WA6LNV, and Hal Moore, W6DEF. Bob Allen W6WQD and
 Andy Korsak VE3FZK/W6 put in a brief appearance.

Meeting called to order by the president at 1945 local
 time. Board decided, after some conversation on the
 subject, that there is no need to change the date of
 the annual auction and flea market which will be held
 October 3 at the ampex cafeteria. Plan Ahead!

Discussion: Calendar for the year. No decision made as
 yet but one will be forthcoming for the year.

The two meter project was temporarily suspended due to
 the holidays but due to popular demand it will resume
 full weekly operation on the usual Wednesdays.

Much discussion on the Simulated Emergency Test.

On the Club Roster: Bob Allen's land line is 493-6146.

Terry Conboy's address is 1117 Lyons St. Redwood City 94061

Delbert Philpott, WA6IQQ, is a member of the Board, whose
 name now appears on the beautiful page 3 of this issue.

There was discussion regarding the installation of the an-
 tenna and rotor we got from Milt Donovan's estate
 on top of the steam plant at SRI (near the Trailer).
 Permission has not been granted as of yet but we will
 be inquiring soon.

de Hal W6DEF, Sec'ty.

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The South Peninsula Amateur Radio Klub, SPARKS, is having
 their annual Auction on Friday night, February 21, 1975.
 The place is the Philco-Ford Corporation Cafeteria,
 Behind Bldg 3 at 3825 Fabian Way in Palo Alto, Take
 San Antonio Road Exit from Bayshore.

Doors open for registration at 6 pm and the auction starts
 around 7 pm. This year they are also having a FLEA
 MARKET (rah!) at \$3.50 per table.

Any inquiries concerning this fun event should be directed
 to Dick Sherman, K6EIH, at (408) 255-3303 (home).

Be sure to look for Ye Noble Editor, who will appreciate your
 buying his Flea Market Gonk. Buy up for our auction in Oct!!

FLASH!!! AN ORIGINAL PAARAGRAPHS CIRCUIT!!! de WB6GRZ

Submitted by Terry Conboy

Here's a handy ten minute timer for those of us who are too longwinded at the mic or keyboard.

Resistors are 10%, tenth watt or more.

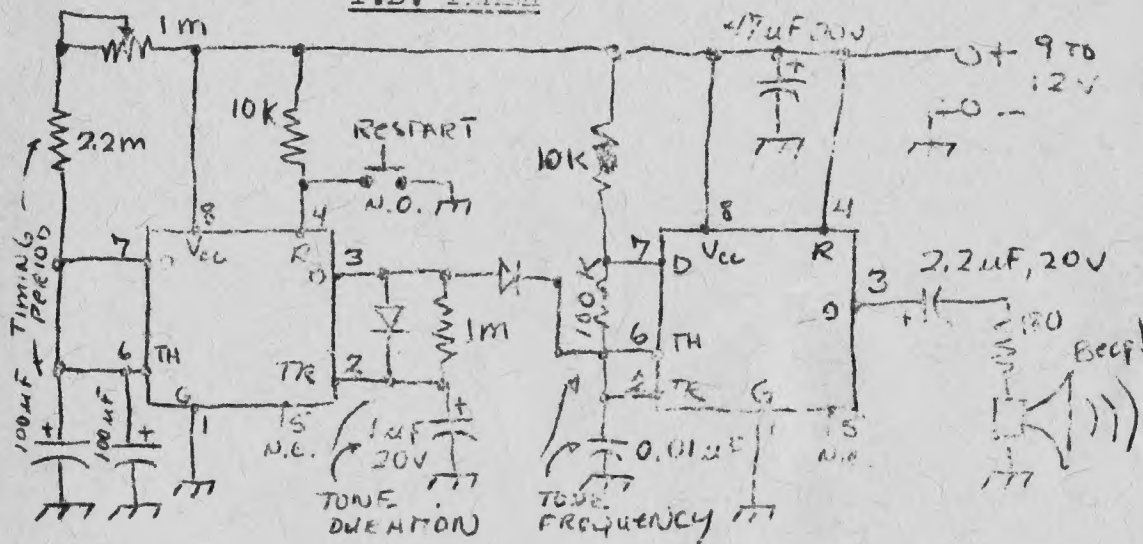
IC'S are 555 timers (2) or 556 (Dual, different pins)

100 uF caps should be tantalum if possible, 20 volt.

Other caps, any old gonk is O.K.

Diodes 1n914 or anything with PIV greater than 20 V.

I.D. TIMER



Period adjusted with 1 meg pot to 590 seconds.

Tone (about 1 kHz) duration is one second (or as long as 'restart' is closed).

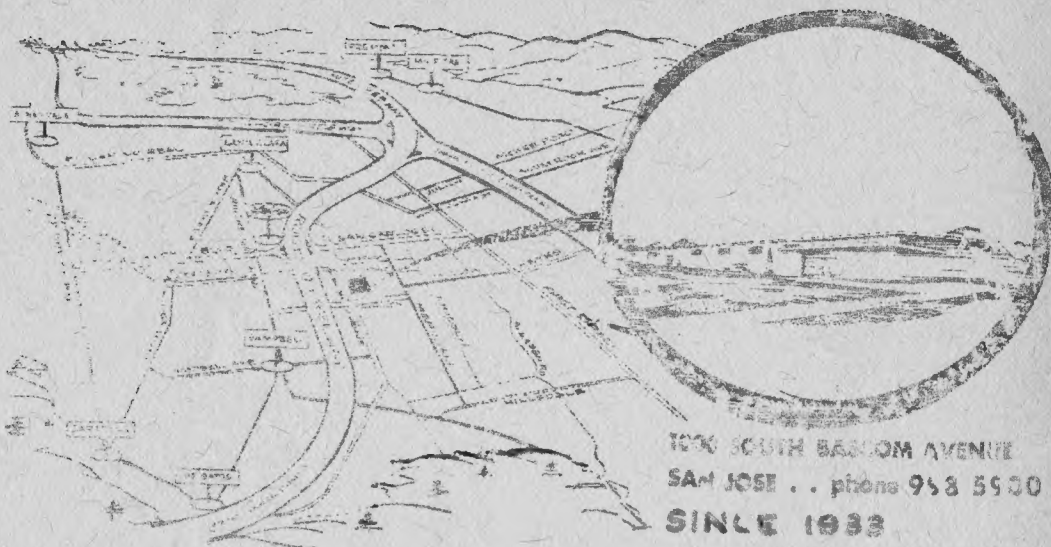
Output variable with 180 ohm (100 ohm minimum). If more level needed use 500 ohm to V.C. transformer).

If your 100 uF caps are too leaky, 2.2 megohm may need to be reduced.

Output will occur every ten minutes after restart is released ... it is self resetting.

Thanks for the fine circuit Terry! Anyone else with a goodie?

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